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THAT SILVER PLATTER

Declaring that Pensacola by her active campaign has given herself much favorable advertising, and has shown that she is a formidable candidate, and has given Jacksonville and the eastern portion of Florida the scare of their lives, The St. Augustine Record is calling upon peninsular Florida to make an eleventh hour stand for the centennial.

In a last rally cry, the Record says: "Pensacola s making a hard and determined fight for the world's fair and unless the counties of the east coast and central Florida rally to the support of Jacksonville there is a strong probability that Pensacola will land the big fair."

In its issue of the sixteenth, the Record says: West Florida has shown that it has some energy, that it is awake and that it can do big things in a admirable. Pensacola thinks she can handle the centennial; of course she can't, but she has made herself believe she can."

The Record, after complimenting Pensacola and West Florida says, in another column: "We sincerely trust that Jacksonville, which rose from her slumbers less than a week ago (while her rival has waged a vigorous campaign for months) will win."

The reasons the Record gives for backing Jacksonville, however, are not convincing. The Record port. "St. Augustine people who visited the world's fairs

at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco will appreciate what an exposition of this kind means to Florida. They will also appreciate the value of the proposed centennial exposition to St. Augustine, if this city will profit most."

The Record declares that i dred and five reasons for the location of the fair in Jacksonville, but so far neither the Record nor reason, based on any just claim.

Here are the reasons which have been brought forward, so far, for holding the centennial in Jacksonville. First because Jacksonville and St. Augustine want it held there. Jacksonville claims (1) that the exposition would push Jacksonville twenty-five years ahead of its present status; (2) that it will draw hundreds of thousands of people to Jacksonville to spend from several days to months, during the life of the exposition; (3) that during the months of preparation for the centennial, Jacksonville will enjoy an era of prosperity which will be of tremendous benefit to that city; (4) that for every dollar expended ten dollars will return to Jacksonville for her expenditure; (5) that Jacksonville will receive hundreds of thousands of columns of advertising, in newspapers and magazines, if the centennial is held in that city; (6) that Jacksonville is nearer the centre of the state than Pensacola; (7)

has more railroads; (8) better docking facilities.

Pensacola based its claims not on the fact that the centennial will help Pensacola, but that it will be of benefit to the entire state, of which West Florida is an important part; (2) that in the past this section has not received the recognition that it has deserved, and that the centennial would help the state to pay a debt that it owes to this part of Florida, so long overlooked; (3) that the centennial idea was conceived in Pensacola; (4) that it was introduced into the state legislature by a Pensacolian; (5) that through special act of the legislature this city has already been empowered to sell one million dollars worth of bonds for the purpose of holding the centennial in this city; (6) that the centennial is designed to commemorate historical events that were enacted on Pensacola soil; (7) that Pensacola, with four railroads and State Highway Number One, in addition to water transportation, can take care of any crowd Jacksonville could possibly handle; (8) that the docks and terminals of Pensacola are not only far superior to those of Jacksonville, but are acknowledged to be the best south of Newport News; (9) that Pensacola is nearer the center of population of the United States than any other city in Florida; (10) that Pensacola is nearer the Panama canal and therefore more accessible to Latin-America and the countries of the Orient than any other city in Florida, with deep water facilities; (11) that Pensacola is the only city in Fiorida that could possibly stage a great naval carnival, which would be an attraction of unequalled value; (12) that holding the centennial in Pensacola would mean the advertising of the entire state, for not only could this city offer unsurpassed advan- virgin bowers, embroidering, crocheting, or spent the tages for staging the exposition, but those who visited the great show and then continued on their way to south Florida, would have seen practically all of and wife and widdy; and when girls looked on the scare of their lives. West Florida has shown the state, and not just one section of Florida; (13) bearded men, it made them pale and giddy. But that it has some energy, that it is awake and that it that Jacksonville and St. Augustine have openly acknowledged that they have slept on the job; (14) and Scott and Cooper; but in the modern tale we meet they have openly warned the people of the state the woman known as "super." She doesn't care a thinks she can handle the centennial; of course she that Pensacola has been fighting for its rights for picayune for dilcimer or needle; you couldn't coax can't but she has made herself believe she can. All months, and that unless Jacksonville comes in at this girl to swoon, no odds how much you wheedle, of the energy and money that Pensacola has put the eleventh hour and takes it away from us we To her the old time arts are vain, and old traditions forth to land the exposition has been well spent and will get what we have worked for; (15) that Jack- phoney; she goes up in a monoplane, or rides a she should have no regret at losing this particular tions are good as a consequence but sonville has never claimed any right to the centen- bucking pony. She's struck our fiction with a rush, show. mial but has attempted to take it through superior and when a yarn is finished, it is the bearded men numbers and wealth; (16) that in spite of the fact who blush and hide their heads diminished. I know would lose, because to make an utter failure of a that Jacksonville is so superior in numbers to Pen- it's treason, if not rot, but, tired of women "super," thing-especially the entertaining of visitors within sacola, that city sent a delegation over to Tallahas- I long for blushing belles of Scott, and swooning your gates-does a town untold damage. So Pensasee that did not compare in numerical strength with girls of Cooper.-Copyright by George Matthew the Pensacola delegation, proving conclusively that Adams.

wealth, so far the people of that city have been un- are nearest to that trade. able to take up the state fair bonds; that the only bond, without special act of legislature, which the other port in this country. aw-makers of Florida would never stand for, as they have already passed legislation empowering dollars at her command for the centennial, and world's fair; (20) and that, furthermore, Pensacola the port, within a decade can rank any port in the relies upon the fairmindedness of the men of the south. commission, who do not represent private interests or certain municipalities, but the sentiment of the people of the state, which, after acknowledging that sary for private gain to be set aside for public weal. Pensacola has worked with unfailing determination It behooves every man to stand shoulder to shouland courage for what is hers by every right, will der;; to work with an open mind; to give of the best most assuredly not hand the centennial over to Jack- that is in him; and to have faith in himself, in his sonville, on "the silver platter,' of which the Jacksonville Metropolis has boasted.

PULL FOR PENSACOLA

Within the past ten days three important developnent projects have been launched, the sale of the G. F. and A., and its reorganization as the Gulf, Pensacola and Northern Railroad Company; the sale of the Gulf, Florida and Alabama railroad, and its reorgnization as the Andalusia, Florida and Gulf Raffroad; and the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$500,000 for the Gulf Ports Terminal Railway Company, with the backing of the Pensacola Chamber of

Each of these movements is of great importance to the development of Pensacola and West Florida, and clearly indicate that it is a question of months rather than years, when West Florida will have railroad facilities which will compare favorably with those of any section of the state, and which will open up territory as yet practically undeveloped.

There are at this time approximately 5,000 miles of railway in Florida. On every ton of freight destined for Pensacola and all other Florida points, originating west of the Mississippi, south of Memphis, transportation charges for 44 miles of unnecessary rail haul are now paid. This fact was clearly brought out at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday afternoon, when President Mc-Laughlin, of the Gulf Ports Terminal Railway Combig way. Pensacola is ambitious and that is always pany appeared before the commercial body outlining a proposition for issuing bonds, to make the completion of this railroad a certainty.

It was pointed out at this meeting that if the citizens of Pensacola back the Gulf Ports Terminals Railway Company, to the extent of becoming partners in the undertaking, through the purchase of bonds, the sixty miles of railway may be kept as an independent line, to be operated in the interest of Pensacola, eventually bringing four new lines to this

Pensacola should give to every legitimate railroad enterprise at this time the combined backing of its citizens. With the Louisville and Nashville, the Gulf, Pensacola and Northern, the Gulf Ports Terminals, and the line just bought by Mobile interests, known as the Andalusia, Florida and Gulf, which it is located in Jacksonville. Next to Jacksonville, will act as a feeder to this port, Pensacola and West Florida would have rail facilities which, together would place this port in the very front rank.

Many railroads have been projected in Pensacola the Jacksonville Metropolis have given one sound in the past, and have been sunk in oblivion, swallowed up by private interests. This may in a measure be explained by the fact that in the past Pensacola had to go out in search of capital-today capital is setting steadily towards this port, looking for opportunity for investment.

It is not too much to say that outside the port of New Orleans, which now ranks second only to New York, Pensacola is the most important port in the south. Had Pensacola had these railroad facilities one year ago, it is possible this port might have rivaled New Orleans.

New Orleans does not compare with this port in its natural advantages. Situated 110 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi river, a ship that cargoes there is 24 hours from the open sea. Pensacola, sitnated on a harbor which is the widest and deepest and best land-locked in the south, and nearer than any other port to the Panama canal, offers opportunities that no other port in the country possesses.

Situated as we are on the open sea, and contagi-

ous to the rich territory of Alabama and Tennessee, with their valuable coal and steel, we present to the world a site unequalled not only for export and import, but as a location for manufacturing interests. The growth of Pensacola has not been spectacular. But it has been sound and its progress has been because of what it has had to offer to investors, rather than for its exploitation by promoters. The concentration at this port of various development enterprises is merely recognition of the fact that the port of Pensacola is necessary to the development of the trade of the United States. It is natural, then, that at this time railroad interests should look to this port as an outlet.

The tide of world trade has turned. Today the United States is looking to the ports of the south, particularly to the ports of the Gulf, for important trade routes. This is not through any boom or boosting or fictitious values, but because the United

Walt Mason's Daily Poem

MAIDENS FAIR In old time books the damsels swooned whene'er they had occasion; and when with loving knights they spooned, it was with shy evasion. They were world's fair for the holding of which the last legissuch coy and modest things, as hoar romance discloses, that if you spoke of wedding rings they'd will win. And the chances are she will lose. blush to beat the roses. They languished in their long and luscious hours the spinet softly playing. she can be a formidable candidate. She has given They all were known as "females" then, the maid Jacksonville and the peninsular portion of Florida times have changed; no more we meet the girls of can do big things in a big way. Pensacola is am- Grape Fruit Is Beginning to Move-

the Jacksonville bunch are not on their job; (17) States, in building up its merchant marine, is lookthat in spite of the claim of Jacksonville to superior ing to trade south of us, and the ports of the Gulf

With Pensacola the nearest on the Gulf, with the means they have for financing the centennial is harbor here the best in the world, and with a public through direct taxation and popular subscription; spirit that is unequalled anywhere in Florida, Pen-(18) that it will not be possible for Jacksonville to sacola today has greater potentialities than any

The fact that these possibilities have been latent here, but unutilized, while in a way retarding the this city to bond; (19) that Pensacola, at this pres- growth of this section, have rendered its future all ent moment, has nearly one and a quarter million the brighter. Pensacola will go forward with some mistakes to correct, but fewer than most ports! The therefore this would not only be the most logical equipment that will be put in her will be the most place but the most economical place to hold the modern; the improvements will be of the best; and

> But Pensacola is at crucial hour. There has never been a time in all its history when it was so necestown and in his townsmen, if we are to reach the plane of development that is ours by every natural

Florida Press Opinion

Jacksonville and St. Augustine on the Centennial

St. Augusine Boosting for Jacksonville.

St. Augustine people who visited the world's fairs at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco will appreciate what an exposition of this kind means to Florida. They will also appreciate the value of the proposed centennial exposition to St. Augusine if it is located in Jacksonville. Next to Jacksonville this city will profit most, as nearly all who visit Jacksonville will run over to see the Ancient City and in addition to this the overflow from Jacksonville will come here, this being the nearest city to the state metropolis. But St. Augustine will not be the only beneficiary, for the whole peninsular will be crowded with people who are attracted to Florida by the exposition. Many will tour the entire state while others will desire to reman at some resort after viewing the attractions at the big fair. West Florida will benefit as much as east Florida, as Jacksonville is a central distributing point for the entire state. However, if the exposition goes to Pensacola the east coast of Florida will receive very little benefit from it, as Alabama and Louisiana cities will take advantage of the opportunity to draw the crowds westward, Pensacola being just across the state line from Alabama. The exposition is for the purpose of drawing people to Florida and should be located in the heart of the state.

Pensacola is making a hard and determined fight for the world's fair and unless the counties of the east coast and central Florida rally to the support of Jacksonville there is a strong probability that Pensacola will land the big fair. Of all counties on the East Coast St. Johns is most vitally interested and should work shoulder to shoulder with Jacksonville. Volusia, Flagler, Brevard, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Boward. Dade and all counties of the peninsular should give their loyal support to Jacksonville in order that the state may as a whole derive the full benefit from the exposition.

Tomorrow night a meeting will be held in the plaza for the purpose of stimulating interest in the exposition and pledging the support of St. Augustine to our neighbor to the north. It is essential that the meeting be well attended as evidence of our support of Jacksonville, therefore the people of this city are urged to sidetrack all other engagements for this occasion and be at the plaza at 8 o'clock to hear the addresses of the Jacksonville speakers.-St. Augustine Record.

When Will Jacksonville Do All This?

Jacksonville will offer the centennial commission definite, concrete proposition. Jacksonville will offer the commission a pledge to present the exposition on a scale of true magnificence . Jacksonville will go after the exposition with the true Jacksonville spirit, the city solidly behind the movement, the ouncil and the board of county commissioners pledged to aid it in every possible way toward suc-

Jacksonville wants this exposition. Florida wants lacksonville to have it.

Jacksonville is in a position to present such an exposition fittingly and properly. Florida realized this fully and is standing back of Jacksonville's efforts in this direction. Jacksonville is a cosmopolitan city, modern in every respect, well prepared to handle an event of such size and character. Jacksonville is the Gateway to Florida.

Pensacola is far removed from the center of population in the state, is inaccessible to the majority of Florida and is on the very borders of Alabama, In fact, Pensacola is so closely allied to Alabama interests and enterprises that until a very short time ago, when the centennial effort became paramount in that city, there was a well defined and more or less concerted movement in that section of the state to annex West Florida to Alabama,

Jacksonville can and will, if given the opportunity, present a real, befitting, creditable exposition that will be fittingly Floridian in character. Jacksonville pledges herself to do this.

And Jacksonville will not fail.-Jacksonville Me-

Can Do Big Things in Big Way.

On Monday the Florida Purchase Centennial Commission will meet in Tallahassee to decide whether Jacksenville or Pensacola will be the site of the lature liberally appropriated. If Pensacola loses she

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On the other hand, if Pensacola should win, she cols, in truth, wins if she loses.-St. Augustine RecALLIES



THE CHEERFUL CHERUB When I am feeling happy now So very quiet I must Keep Or I'll recall my woe It feels like when my foot's asleep. Ry. Cann

Were They Dogfish? Ernest had a day off, and when he returned to the shop the following morning his friends wanted to know why he looked so disgruntled. "Everything went wrong!"

grumbled. "How was that?" one asked. "Ever go fishing with a girl?"

"Once." "Did she protest against hurting the fish?"

"No. She said she was sure they were perfectly happy, because they were all wagging their tails."-

Suspicious.

Boston Post.

Patience-You know how he just cried for joy. Why, tears were running down his cheeks and down mine

Patrice-Well, all I have to say is

cheeks .- Houston Post. Compensation.

"Food is very high."

"Cheer up That engagement ring your husband gave you ten years ago has doubled in value,-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Proper Way. "How did Jims do with his nev room factory?" "It is sweeping everything before it."-Baltimore American.

Odd Items From verywhere. New freight cars are being placed in service by the railroad administra-

tion at the rate of 834 a day. Fifty years ago Enoch Thompson left his home in Taylor, Penn., to go to Stafford, Kansas. He was interested at the time in Miss Anna Smiley, of Taylor, but he did not see her again until this summer, when he visited his old home. The two have just been

At the Grand Army encampment at Columbus there was a meeting of two Ohio born brothers, soldiers of the civil war, who had not seen each other for 49 years.

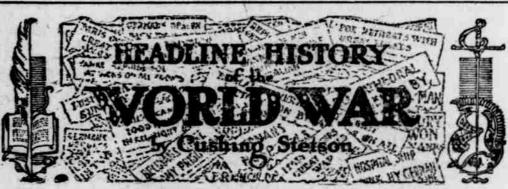
married in Kansas City.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT MADE PUBLIC

Harvest Conditions Good.

The weather and crop report for the week ending October 21, shows the minfall to be less than normal at this time of the year. Harvesting condiall crops are beginning to need moisture. The grape fruit crop will be good and in some instances shipments have commenced. The report for the week follows:

averaged from 3 degrees to 7 degrees above the seasonal, the maximum be



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two more towns and 6,700 prisoners. nal near Dixmude; Allies repulse attacks at Nieuport; French warship bombards Ostend-Russian armies front-Germans break Italian lines; operate beyond the Vistula; retreat- attack successful on Balnsizza Plaing German reported withdrawn to teau, at Tolmino and Flitsch, begin-Skierniewice 41 miles from Warsaw, ning big counter-drive into Italy.

Bulgars take Uskub completely iso-York.

mania continues; invading forces take to Senator Lodge.

Americans advance on both side of lating the main Serbian army-Austro- the Meuse; gain one kilometer on 3 Germans cross the Danube near the kilometer front despite desperate re-

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French consolidate gains on Aisne

Rumanian frontier-Arrest German sistance-British again push forward; Lieutenant in New York with ex- Germans forced back on whole front plosives to blow up ships leaving New between the Sambre and the Scheldt; tighten their grip on Valenciennes-Ex-President Roosevelt assails Presi-Von Mackensen's success in Ru-dent Wilson's 14 points in telegram

Miami, 2.8; Davie, 3.4; Ocala, 3.8; Titusville, 1.4 inches.

harvesting corn, peanuts and hay. Most of the corn crop has been gathered, and very little of the cotton 82 degrees; Pensacola, 74 degrees; crop remains to be picked; it is the Tampa, 80 degrees.

ing well above 90 degrees on several shortest crop for several decades. The days, rivaling previous October rec- cane crop improved very much during the last few weeks, and the longer Precipitation: The week's rain was frost is delayed the greater will be much less than the normal, except the crop, some cane has been cut locally over small areas in the several for syrup making, but no material divisions, where it was sufficient for part has left the fields. Tomatoes, all requirements. As a rule rain is egg plants, cucumbers, and other truck needed over all divisions, especially on are being shipped from southern counhigh lands, where cane would be bene- ties. Rain would benefit all truck you must have been pretty close to fited very much. Quite a number of and fruits, except on low lands. Some him to have his tears run down your stations received no rain during the grape fruit is dropping, but the crop, week. The greatest amounts fell on as a whole will be good; shipments the southeast coast. The following are being made, but the fruit is not mature. Seed beds are being cared Oxford, 1.0; Pinellas Park, 1.1, and for and the setting of plants continues, especially in the south and south-Condition of Crops: The absence of central counties. Mean temperature general rains was very favorable for during the week; Jacksonville, 76 degrees; Miami, 80 degrees; Key West,



Three years ago today, October 24, 1916, the French penetrated the German lines at Verdun, and won back the fort and village of Douau-

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Right side down, eye at left hand.